

The EU And Russia In 2008: In Search of New Approaches

23- 24 May, 2008
Baltic Beach Hotel, Jūrmala

Programme

Friday, 23 May

10:00 - 10:15

Opening of the Conference. Introductory Remarks

Guntis ULMANIS - President on Latvia (1993 - 1999)

Kaspars GERHARDS - Minister of Economics, Latvia

Alexander VESHNYAKOV - Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Latvia

Dmitri SIMES - President of The Nixon center, Member of the Board of the Baltic Forum, USA

10:15 - 11:00

Key-note speeches

Moderators: Justas Vincas PALECKIS and Abram KLECKIN

Igor YURGENS - Chairman of the Board, Institute of Contemporary Development, Russia;
Member of the Board of the Baltic Forum, Russia

Jan Marinus WIERSMA - Vice-Chairman of the Socialist Group in the European Parliament,
Brussels

Rolf EKEUS - Chairman of the Governing Board, Stockholm International Peace Research
Institute (SIPRI), Sweden

11:00 - 12:30

SESSION ONE: The EU-Russia Relations between Political Principles and Economic Realities

Juris SAVICKIS, president, Intera - Latvija

Michael WEBB, Deputy DG External Relations, The European Commission

Andrey KLIMOV, Deputy Chairman of the Board, Committee for Foreign Affairs, Russian
State Duma

Fraser CAMERON, Director of the EU-Russia Centre, Brussels

Žaneta JAUNZEME, Chairperson of the Board, Latvian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Victor MAKAROV, Research Director at the The Baltic Forum, Latvia

12:30 - 13:00

Coffee break

13:00 - 14:30

SESSION ONE continued: The EU-Russia Relations Between Political Principles and Economic Realities

Moderators: Fraser CAMERON and Victor MAKAROV

Jarosław BRATKIEWICZ, Director of the Eastern Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign
Affairs, Poland

Justas Vincas PALECKIS, Member of the European Parliament, Lithuania

Andris SPRŪDS, Researcher at the Latvian Foreign Policy Institute

Michael EMERSON - Senior Research Fellow, The Centre for European Policy Studies
(CEPS), Brussels

Alexander SUKHAREV - Roszarubezcentr, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russia

14:30 - 15:30

Lunch

15:30 - 17:00

SESSION ONE continued: The EU-Russia Relations Between Political Principles and Economic Realities

Moderators: Michael WEBB and Vladimir AVERCEV

Irina KHAKAMADA, Chairperson of creative center Nash Vybor, Russia

Marko MIHKELSON, Member of the Estonian Parliament

Sergey CHERNYSHEV, Director, External Economical Relations Department, Ministry of Economical Development and Trade, Russia

Urban AHLIN, Member of the Swedish Parliament

Deniz ALTINBAŞ, European Expert, Centre for Eurasian Strategic Studies (CESS), Turkey

Mindaugas BUTKUS, Director, Policy Planning Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania

17:00 - 17:30

Coffee break

17:30 - 19:30

SESSION TWO: The Energy Dimension in the EU-Russia Relations

Moderators: Igor JURGENS and Andris GŪTMANIS

Alan RILEY, Professor of Law, City Law School, City University, London; The Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels

Vladimir FEIGIN - Director of the Institute for Energy and Finance, Russia

Pavel EROCHKINE, Centre for Global Studies, UK

Andres MÄE, Researcher, Foreign Policy Institute, Estonia

Saturday, 24 May

10:00 - 11:00

Introductory remarks

Ainārs SLESERS - Minister of Transport, Latvia

PANEL DISCUSSION: Russia and the West in the Context of Global Security

Moderator: Nils MUIŽNIEKS

Dimitri SIMES, President of the The Nixon Center, USA

Rolf EKĒUS, Chairman of the Governing Board, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), Sweden

Sergey OZNOBISCHEV, Director of the Institute of Strategic Studies and Analysis, Russia

Ortwin HENNING, Vice President, Conflict Prevention Program, East-West Institute, Germany

11:30 - 12:00

Coffee break

12:00 - 14:00

PANEL DISCUSSION: The Economic Dimension of the EU-Russia Relations

Moderators: Aleksandr DINKIN and Viktor SIPERKOVSKY

Ruslan GRINBERG, Director of the Institute of Economics, Russian Academy of Sciences

Andris MALDUPS, Director, Department of Transit, Ministry of Transport, Latvia

Juliya ZVORYKINA, Director of the Department of Economics and Investment, Ministry of Transport, Russia

Igor KABASHKIN, Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Professor, President, Transport and Telecommunications Institute, Latvia

Viktor SIPERKOVSKY, Director, Centre of Applied Researches

Maris BOZOVIČS, Director, Development Agency of the Latgale region, Latvia

Slava HOD'KO, General director of Agency of North-Western Development and Investment Promotion, Russia

Aleksandr DYNKIN, academician, Director of the Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) of the Russian Academy of Sciences

Vladimir ZVONAREV, President, Latvian Transport Union

Mikhail STADNICHUK, Chairman of the Board, Russian Insurance Centre

12:00 - 14:00

PANEL DISCUSSION: Central and Eastern Europe and Russia

Moderator: Sergey OZNOBISCHEV

David KRÁL, Director of the Institute for European policy Europeum, Czech Republic

Marina LEBEDEVA, Director, World Political Processes Department, Moscow State Institute of International Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Russia

Dmitriy VYDRIN, Institute of the European Integration, Ukraine

Grzegorz GROMADZKI, Researcher at the Stefan Batory Foundation, Poland

Vitaliy DYMARSKIY, Vice-President, Public Relations Development Company, Russia

Mikhail HURS, Director of Centre of Sociological and Marketing Research, International Humanitarian - Economical centre, Belarus

Pēteris VINĶELIS, consultant

14:00 - 15:00

Lunch

15:00 - 16:30

SESSION THREE: Russian Politics, Society and Economy in the Years to Come: Alternatives and Choices

Moderators: Jānis URBANOVIČS and Sergey TSYPLYAYEV

Alexey GROMYKO, Director of the European Programmes, Russkiy Mir Foundation, Russia

Vitaly TRETAKOV, Editor in Chief, Political Class magazine, Russia

Georgy SATAROV, President of the INDEM foundation, Russia

Gerhard MANGOTT, Researcher at the International Security Research Group (ISRG), Austria

Leonid KARABESHKIN, Associate professor, Eurouniveristy, Tallinn, Estonia

16.30 - 17:30

Discussion. Closing of the conference